East Westmoreland, N. H.,
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Dear Brother Garrison:-

I recived from Mr. May a few weeks since a paper in reference to the "National testimonial" to yourself, on which Bro. May wrote briefly, to me, requesting me to do what I could in promotion of the same.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I respond to that request. No words can express the high estimation in which you will ever be held by me for your sublime devotion to the cause of universal and impartial freedom and human rights. Your labors have been protracted and arduous. It has

been with you a life-work.

God has let you live to witness the glorious consummation of your holiest prayers and indefatigable labors in the overthrow of Slavery and the redemption of a hated and outcast race.

The emancipated millions whose cause you have so eloquently and so devoutly plead for a whole generation and this whole nation, too, owe to you, under God, a debt of gratitude of which, any amount of material good would be an inadequate acknowledgement.

It seems to me but the discharge of a sacred duty that this nation should see that its great benefactor ~~xxxxxxx~~ receive of the nation's abundance an ample & generous contribution as a substantial testimonial of this appreciation of the magnitude and

merit of services rendered.

Since I ceased to read the Liberator I have felt a want that all other papers have failed to meet. I feel it a pleasure and duty as well to contribute my "mite" to the proposed fund as a slight testimonial of my sincere and warm regard for you and your highest welfare in the remaining conflicts of life.

I have felt much anxiety in regard to your recovery since you was hurt. It gives me pleasure to learn through the papers that your speedy recovery is looked for. I devoutly pray that God in his great goodness may grant you yet many years of usefulness in the whitened fields of Christian philanthropy and reform.

I want to hear from you direct. Will you do me the great

pleasure to let me hear from you personally, if practicable, how you are and your future prospect in reference to your recovery from your injuries. I regret that the nation has been deprived of your wise counsels during this perilous crisis.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? Do you hold that the Emancipation proclamation restored the emancipated to the right of suffrage? Do you purpose to write a history of the Anti-Slavery Struggle? An early answer to this letter and these questions will afford me much pleasure. Will you please accept the enclosed as a slight token of my sincere and warm regards to you, which I feel it a pleasure to do. A very small item it is, I know, towards the "National Testimonial". I regret that my limited means will not permit me to do more. I shall be amongst the number whose heart will be gladdened if the effort to raise the $50,000 shall be successful. As I was desirous to hear from you personally, I send this to you instead of Bro. Maj.

Another question — Do you think the President can and ought to be impeached?

I am, with great respect, ever,

Your faithful friend,

Jehiel Claflin.

Jehiel Claflin, 1867